GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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SINGLE WINDOW CLEARANCE FOR SEZS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has summoned several States to ascertain whether they have put in place a single window service to expedite implementation of SEzs that have received approvals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these States have been able to provide land to SEZ developers who have received in principle approvals;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) A meeting was organised by Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the representatives of State Governments and Development Commissioners to discuss issues relating to Special Economic Zones, including Single Window clearance at State and Central level.

(c) to (e) Land/land usage is a State subject.Central Government grants formal approval only in those cases where the developer is in possession of the minimum required land and which is duly recommended by the concerned State Government.The State Governments have also been informed that the Board of Approval will not approve any SEZs where the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs after 5th April, 2007.